

Office of the Mayor
Black Diamond, Washington




PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and
- WHEREAS,** prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the community at large; and
- WHEREAS,** people in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, 2.6 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and more than 31.3 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help;; and
- WHEREAS,** to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and local human service agencies invite all residents of Black Diamond, Washington to participate in *National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month)*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Olness, Mayor of the City of Black Diamond, on behalf of the Black Diamond City Council, call upon Black Diamond residents to observe the month of September with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "**Join the Voices for Recovery; It's Worth It**" and do hereby proclaim in the City of Black Diamond, the month of September 2012 as a month to recognize

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH



Rebecca Olness, Mayor